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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROJECTS FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

1. ALTHOUGH AGREEING WITH THEORY BEHIND SUNSCREEN PROJECT, RSO AND GSO HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO ACTUAL VALUE OF STEEL GRID DESIGN SUBMITTED BY ARCHITECT.
2. REQUEST FBO AND SY/FO COORDINATE ON PROJECT TO DETERMINE IF SUCH SCREEN WOULD INDEED CAUSE ROCKET OR SIMILAR MISSILE TO EXPLODE ON CONTACT AND LESSEN INTERIOR DAMAGE. ALSO, WHAT IS POSSIBILITY SUCH SCREENING WOULD ADD MATERIALLY TO AMOUNT OF SHRAPNEL ENSUING FROM EXPLOSION OF MISSILES.
3. ORIGINAL SUGGESTION, THAT OF REINFORCED CONCRETE SUNSCREEN, VETOED BY ARCHITECT FOR ADMITTEDLY VALID AESTHETIC REASONS. ANY TYPE OF SCREENING WILL ALSO CUT DOWN ON ADMISSION OF NATURAL LIGHT, A FACTOR WHICH MUCH BE CONSIDERED IN DESIGN. CAN ADDRESSEE ELEMENTS SUGGEST POSSIBLE ALTERNATES?
4. AGREE THAT MYLAR SHOULD BE INSTALLED PER ORIGINAL PLAN.
5. PERIMETER/ SECURITY LIGHTING PROJECT PLANS APPEAR QUITE SATISFACTORY. REQUEST THEY BE APPROVED AND INSTALLED ASAP AS PRESENT LIGHTING IS MAINLY DECORATIVE.
6. ADVISE.
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